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In reply, I beg to state that the matter was referred to the deputy collector in charge of the general business room, who reports as follows:

"I have the honor to report that the bills of health of the various vessels engaged in the Central American trade have been signed by the acting assistant surgeons, as required by the President under date of March 27, 1900.

"Any failure to comply with the above will be reported."

Respectfully,

A. T. WIMBERLY,
Collector.

Epidemic of measles at Unalaska.

DUTCH HARBOR, ALASKA, August 18, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that an epidemic of measles has broken out at Unalaska. Nine cases were personally inspected by me to-day, all of them in the persons of natives or half-breeds. The disease is apparently of a severe type, the bronchitic symptoms being very marked, and some mortality is probable.

The population of Unalaska is largely composed of natives, and it is expected that the majority of these will contract the disease.

Measles is reported as epidemic in several sections of Alaska and the adjoining islands, and I am credibly informed that the death rate from pneumonic complications has been high.

Respectfully,

DUNLOP MOORE,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Weekly report of transactions at the quarantine station of Nome, Alaska.

NOME, ALASKA, August 18, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith weekly report of transactions at this quarantine station for the week ended August 18, 1900:

On August 12, the steamer *Dora* arrived from St. Michael, Alaska, and landed her passengers before I could reach her by means of a surf-boat. The vessel had been boarded and inspected by me twice previously, and the captain, W. Thomas, as well as the owners of the vessel, the Alaska Commercial Company, informed of the quarantine regulations in force at this port. The captain was placed under arrest and ordered to report to Lieutenant Jarvis at the custom-house.

On August 15, the steamer *Saidie*, also of the Alaska Commercial Company, arrived from St. Michael and landed her passengers before I could reach her. Her captain also was placed under arrest and ordered to report to Lieutenant Jarvis at the custom-house.

Lieutenant Jarvis read to them and to Mr. Carlson, the manager of the Alaska Commercial Company here, pertinent portions of the "United States Quarantine Laws and Regulations." They all plead ignorance, made profuse apologies, and promised never to offend again, on which it was agreed not to prosecute them. They were informed, however, that another infraction of the regulations would be followed by immediate prosecution.

On August 16, the bark *J. D. Peters* arrived from Port Clarence, Alaska. As soon as possible I boarded her, and sent word to the captain that the United States quarantine officer was aboard and wished to see him. He, however, failed to make an appearance. After waiting a considerable time and having other work to do, I went ashore, leaving instructions for the captain to allow no communication with

the shore whatever until my return. I returned in about an hour and found that the captain had disobeyed the instructions and himself gone ashore. The matter was immediately reported to Lieutenant Jarvis, who found the captain, arrested him, and carried him before the United States district attorney, who took all the facts in the case. He plead ignorance and made profuse apologies, when he was ordered to return to his vessel. It was then agreed to drop the matter, on condition that the owners of the vessel would have me carried out to her at their own expense, that I might make a proper inspection. This was done and the matter dropped.

Respectfully,

BAYLIS H. EARLE,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Smallpox at Nome, Alaska.

NOME, ALASKA, *August 18, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that there are at present 3 cases of smallpox at the detention hospital, all convalescent. The last case, a soldier from the barracks, was admitted August 2, and the last case before him was admitted July 19. Dr. Hornsby completed during the week a fourth house-to-house and tent-to-tent inspection of the town and vicinity and found no new cases.

This afternoon I again visited the physicians who have offices and found that they have now under treatment the following number of cases: Typhoid fever, 19; pneumonia, 5; tonsillitis, 4; scabies, 4; rheumatism, 3; measles, 2, and bronchitis, 2. The number of cases of typhoid fever is increasing; that of pneumonia and measles decreasing. There were no deaths during the week. Considering the population and the bad sanitary conditions, the town is at present wonderfully healthy.

The rain ceased on the morning of the 12th instant, and since then the weather has been clear and fine. The temperature continues mild and the mud has nearly all dried.

Respectfully,

BAYLIS H. EARLE,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Reports of sickness at Nome, Alaska, unfounded.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *September 5, 1900.*

SIR: It is stated for your information that the Department has received a telegram from Lieut. D. H. Jarvis, dated at Nome, August 6 last, via Port Townsend, reading as follows: "Report current in States of sickness at Nome unfounded; 12 cases measles, 18 cases pneumonia, no typhoid fever, 6 cases smallpox in isolation, all convalescent."

Respectfully,

O. L. SPAULDING,
Acting Secretary.

Smallpox in Colorado.

DENVER, COLO., *September 1, 1900.*

SIR: Since my report to you of August 28 the following cases of smallpox have been recorded in this office up to September 1, and are included in the monthly report for the State herewith.

Trinidad, Las Animas County, 1 case, August 28; source of infection, Pueblo. Golden, Jefferson County, 11 cases; source of infection in 1 case, Denver, the others from the first.

Respectfully,

G. E. TYLER,
Secretary State Board of Health.